

Application of Hindrik Willem DE VRIES et al.
New U.S. National Stage Application
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Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

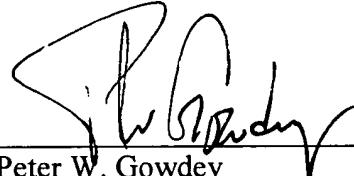
Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussions, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the application. Claims 4, 6-9, 11, 12, 15, 17-19, 21, 24-26, 28 and 29 have been amended and no claims have been added or canceled by the present amendment. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment the application is in condition for an examination on the merits. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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